## Forest Service Southern Region National Forests in Florida

# Recreation Program

















Recreation fees are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations will benefit as 95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

#### **Accomplishments Provided with Recreation Fees:**

#### **Apalachicola National Forest**

- Operated and maintained six campgrounds, two day use areas, one geological site and three motorized trailheads year-round.
- Replaced seven information kiosks at various campgrounds and day use areas.
- Replaced bear-proof trash containers damaged by Tropical Storm Debby.
- Repaired main transformer electrical hazards, built accessible picnic tables, and improved the bathhouse and pump house by replacing doors and installing light sensors at Wright Lake Campground.
- Renovated water system and pump house at Silver Lake Campground.

#### **Ocala National Forest**

- Operated and maintained 15 campgrounds, three day use areas, one boat ramp and nine motorized trailheads year-round.
- Installed new accessible dish wash sink and bear-proof food storage containers at River Forests Group Campground.



Wright Lake Campground Bathhouse with new doors and paint on the Apalachicola National Forest.

- Repaired water pressure pump at Fore Lake Campground.
- Repaired River Forest Group Campground water filtration system.



River Forest Group Campground accessible wash sink on the Ocala National Forest.

#### **Special Feature**

The Apalachicola National Forest updated and improved recreation information kiosks across the forest to help ensure visitors are well-informed about opportunities, unique features of the site, safety and regulations. Information on new kiosks includes customized graphics, maps and current recreation site information.



National Forests in Florida Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$382,583
Special Uses	\$14,708
Interagency Pass	\$16,590
Total	\$413,881

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$354,477
Visitor Services	\$31,121
Cost of Collections	\$4,081
Law Enforcement	\$48,905
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$438,584

<sup>\*</sup>Expenditures may be funded with previous years' revenue

# **National Forests in Florida Accomplishments Continued**Osceola National Forest

- Operated and maintained Olustee Beach Day Use Area.
- Improved Ocean Pond Campground by painting the bathhouse and gatehouse, replacing the roof and light fixtures at the primitive loop bathhouse, repairing lights at the other bathhouses and gatehouse, repairing underground water and electric lines, replacing 20 fire rings and replacing or repairing campsite and entrance signs.
- Improved The Landings Campground by repairing lights at the bathhouse and replacing or repairing campsite and entrance signs.



A Forest Service employee speaks to a visitor at the Lake Delancy off-highway vehicle trailhead.



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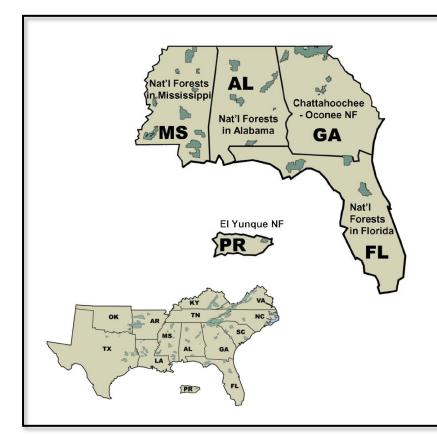
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### Southern Region Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$6,791,076
Special Uses	\$1,118,698
Interagency Pass	\$121,590
Total	\$8,031,364

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$5,139,551
Visitor Services	\$1,315,386
Cost of Collections	\$822,165
Law Enforcement	\$201,837
Habitat Restoration	\$1,496
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$7,480,436

\*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs.